

WE CLAIM:

1           1.       A license plate cover, comprising:  
2           a frame having a periphery and an inner side for disposal adjacent a license  
3 plate; and  
4           an elastomeric gasket disposed on the inner side near the periphery, the gasket  
5 having first and second elongate compression ribs which protrude inwardly from the  
6 inner side.

1           2.       The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein an inwardmost surface of  
2 the second compression rib is oriented in a plane inward relative to an inwardmost  
3 surface of the first compression rib.

1           3.       The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein the gasket has a periphery  
2 and a raised rim in a plane inward that of the first and second compression ribs,  
3 wherein the raised rim is located around the periphery of the gasket.

1           4.       The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein the first and second  
2 elongate compression ribs are V-shaped.

1           5.       The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein the inner side of the frame  
2 includes at least one elongate channel, the elastomeric gasket being injection molded  
3 into the channel.

1           6.       The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein the license plate cover  
2 further comprises a plurality of holes for receiving respective fasteners to a vehicle  
3 license plate mounting bracket, the gasket laterally surrounding the holes.

1           7.       The license plate cover of Claim 6, wherein the frame has an outer  
2 side, the plurality of holes each including a stepped opening with a first level and a  
3 second level formed inwardly from the first level, each hole having a sidewall of  
4 nongasket material extending at least from the second level to the inner side, wherein  
5 said sidewall prevents the fasteners from overcompressing the gasket and fracturing  
6 the frame.

1           8.       The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein the gasket surrounds a  
2 majority of the frame leaving a bottom portion open.

1           9.       The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein the second compression  
2 rib is disposed laterally exteriorly of the first compression rib.

1           10.      The license plate cover of Claim 1, wherein the inner side of the frame  
2 includes two elongate channels, the elastomeric gasket being molded into both said  
3 channels.

1           11.      A license plate cover, comprising:  
2 a transparent frame having a front, an outer side and an inner side; and

3           a colored elastomeric gasket adhered onto the inner side such that a band of  
4   color is visible through the frame from the front of the license plate cover.

1           12.    The license plate cover of Claim 11, wherein the gasket is formed from  
2   a rubber with an ultraviolet inhibitor.

1           13.    The license plate cover of Claim 11, wherein the gasket is formed of  
2   TEA.

1           14.    The license plate cover of Claim 11, wherein the inner side of the  
2   transparent frame includes at least one elongate channel, the colored elastomeric  
3   gasket being injection molded into the channel so as to closely adhere to the inner side  
4   of the frame.